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SUBJECT: ARTICLE 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
SECRETARY KISSINGER TO MINISTER SCHEEL IN HIS CAPACITY AS
PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. LETTER SHOULD BE
DELIVERED FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER: IN YOUR MESSAGE TO
ME OF APRIL 2 YOU DESCRIBED THE ACTION OF THE EC COUNCIL
TO EMPOWER THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO
TAKE THE DECISIONS NECESSARY FOR A SOLUTION TO THE LONG-
STANDING ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS AND THUS TO AVOID
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WAIING FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL SESSION IN MAY. WEHWELCOMED

THIS ACTION. IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUR COUNCIL'S DECISION,
I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE APRIL 25 PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
MEETING WILL DEVELOP A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PROPOSAL FOR
RESOLVING THIS IRRITANT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES AND THE UNITED STATES. ANY FURTHER DELAY CAN
ONLY INCREASE THE POTENTIAL DANGERS.

IN ORDER TO ADHERE TO THIS TIME SCHEDULE, THE POLITICAL
DECISION TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO
SPECIFICS BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. I HAVE BEEN
INFORMED BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE, THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION HAVE NOT MADE SIGNIFICANT
PROGRESS AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL SINCE THE COUNCIL MEETING.
THE DIFFICULTIES AT THIS LEVEL ARE NOT SURPRISING. THIS
IS REALLY A MATTER, AS THE COUNCIL RECOGNIZED, OF
POLITICAL WILL. I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT THE OUTLINE OF
A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT PROVIDED BY AMBASSADOR EBER
EIN
HIS MARCH 25 LETTER TO SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES WILL BE
RECOGNIZED AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL AS PROVIDING A REASONABLE
BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT. I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT
WITHOUT POSITIVE POLITICAL GUIDANCE IT WILL BE HARD TO
REACH A SETTLEMENT OF THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN OUR
RE
ATIONS NEXT WEEK. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A.KISSINGER.
END TEXT.

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